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AMEMBASSY SANAA

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DOD FOR CHIEF OF STAFF USAF AND HQ USAF POSTAL AND  
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SUBJECT: APO SERVICES FOR SANAA

1. WHEN AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD WAS IN WASHINGTON ON CONSULTATION  
LAST MONTH, HE SPOKE WITH OFFICIALS AT DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ABOUT PROVIDING SANAA WITH APO  
MAIL SERVICES. AMONG THE POINTS HE MADE WERE (A) YEMEN  
ARAB REPUBLIC NOT A MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL POSTAL CON-  
VENTIONS AND HENCE US MAIL WILL GENERALLY NOT ACCEPT  
PACKAGES OR MAIL ADDRESSED TO YEMEN. IF THEY DO, YEMENI  
ADMINISTRATION IS SUCH THAT MAIL WILL RARELY REACH  
ADDRESSEE; (B) MAIL SERVICES PREVIOUSLY AVAILABLE VIA  
APO AT KAGNEW IN ASMARA TO BE DISCONTINUED THIS MONTH IN  
ANTICIPATION THE BASES' CLOSURE IN JULY; (C) SEA POUCH  
TRANSIT VIA STATE DEPARTMENT FACILITIES WILL OFTEN TAKE  
UP TO NINE MONTHS OR MORE TO REACH PORT OF HODEIDA FROM  
EAST OR WEST COASTS.

2. AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD WAS TOLD BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
DEFENSE THAT LIKELIHOOD OF ITS ESTABLISHING AN APO IN SANAA  
WAS EXTREMELY SMALL, EVEN THOUGH A RESIDENT DAO IS TO BE  
ASSIGNED IN SANAA THIS SUMMER. THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD  
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INDICATED TO HIM, HOWEVER, THE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO

COVER THE COSTS OF SANAA'S MAIL SERVICES OR TO REIMBURSE ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY WILLING TO PROVIDE THEM.

3. EMBASSY HAS CONDUCTED INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS ABOUT HOW POST COULD HELP AMEMBASSY SANAA. ONE POSSIBILITY WE HAVE CONSIDERED IS USE OF JIDDA'S APO FOR MAIL THAT WOULD BE COLLECTED BY EMBASSY AND PASSED ONWARD TO SANAA VIA EMBASSY AIR POUCH. SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT--TO COVER A TOTAL OF PERHAPS 75 SANAA RECIPIENTS (INCLUDING DEPENDENTS)--WOULD PLACE CONSIDERABLE STRAIN ON LIMITED APO FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL NOW IN JIDDA. ADDITIONAL MANPOWER WOULD BE NEEDED--PERHAPS TO BE REIMBURSED TO DOD BY DEPARTMENT OF STATE. THE PHYSICAL PROBLEMS OF STORAGE AND HANDLING WOULD BE LESSENERED IF SANAA'S MAIL COULD BE SEPARATELY PACKAGED IN THE US PRIOR TO SHIPMENT. THE ABOVE ARRANGEMENT, HOWEVER, COULD STILL PLACE CONSIDERABLE STRAINS UPON USMTM'S LIMITED FACILITIES FOR TRANSPORT OF APO PACKAGE MAIL FROM DHAHRAN TO JIDDA.

4. ACCORDINGLY, TO AVOID THIS PROBLEM SUGGEST DEPARTMENT AND DOD MAY WISH TO CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF MAKING DHAHRAN'S APO (09616) THE EXIT POINT FROM THE APO SERVICE FOR MAIL ADDRESSED TO SANAA. AS IN CASE OF JIDDA, ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL WOULD PERHAPS BE REQUIRED AT USMTM AND CONGEN DHAHRAN. THE INCREASED BURDEN ON MAIL FACILITIES OF USMTM DHAHRAN, HOWEVER, COULD BE LESSENERED IF (A) SANAA'S MAIL WERE TO ARRIVE IN ITS OWN POUCHES; (B) WERE PICKED UP ON ARRIVAL BY THE CONGEN'S C&R PERSONNEL. AMCONGEN DHAHRAN--UNDER AN AGREEMENT WITH SAUDIA--WOULD THEN FORWARD SANAA'S MAIL VIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE AIR POUCH.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS OR RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ACTION OR INFO ADDRESSEES MIGHT HAVE AS TO HOW US AGENCIES IN SAUDI ARABIA COULD HELP TO PROVIDE MAIL SERVICES TO US MISSION IN YEMEN.

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